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NOTE FOR: Larry Gershwin, NIO/SP
FROM: John ~~PERSON~~ Person, D/OCA
SUBJECT: Response to Senator Jesse Helms' letter of 22 January

Here is a copy of the letter to Senator Helms that the DCI signed this morning. The DCI was a little anxious about the sentence that I have underlined. He would like you to prepare a half dozen or so examples of these "caveats and observations" that he could mention to Senator Helms if Helms should call him for an elaboration.

[] is aware of this. You should give your brief talking points to him by noon today and he will get them to the DCI.

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Attachment

D/OCA/DDG, [] (25 jan 88)

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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

January 25, 1988

The Honorable Jesse Helms
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Helms:

I am responding to your letters of January 22, 1988 to General Odom and me. We have reviewed the highly sensitive classified information cited in the attachment to your letter. This information is, in fact, contained in a recent draft of Volume II of National Intelligence Estimate 4/11-88. The information is substantively accurate, although the final wording in the published version will, in some cases, be slightly different. In some cases, the citations omit reference to important caveats and additional observations. These statements are excerpts from a much broader set of judgments and issues regarding the monitoring of the INF Treaty and, in my view, by themselves do not constitute a sufficient basis on which to draw conclusions about the overall monitorability of the Treaty.

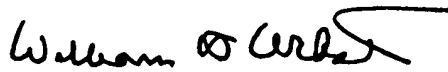
The judgments and information therein have been briefed to policy officials, negotiators, and in response to requests from members of Congress and security-cleared staff. A summary has been published.

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I and my colleagues from the Intelligence Community will be prepared to discuss the issues you have raised during my testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on January 29. However, it is my understanding that intelligence monitoring capabilities will be discussed in detail in several

hearings scheduled by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. I would ask you to consult with Chairman Pell, SSCI Chairman Boren, and SSCI Vice Chairman Cohen regarding the appropriate forum for detailed discussion of sensitive intelligence information regarding the monitorability of the INF Treaty.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William H. Webster", with a stylized flourish at the end.

William H. Webster

cc: Senator Claiborne Pell,
Chairman, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
Senator David L. Boren
Chairman, Senate Committee on Intelligence
Senator William S. Cohen
Vice Chairman, Senate Committee on Intelligence